



STATE OF IDAHO

DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND TIER I OPERATING PERMIT

SUBJECT: In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.01.209.05c and 364 the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces a public comment period and opportunity for a public hearing for Nu-West Industries, Agrium Conda Phosphate Operations (Agrium), Soda Springs, under docket No.10AP-0603. The DEQ proposes to issue Permit to Construct No.P-040320 which will also allow for modification to the facility's Tier I operating permit No.T1-040321. Agrium produces fertilizer based products and the facility is located 7 miles north of Soda Springs, 1.2 miles east of Highway 34. They are applying for a permit to construct to increase the production rate at the superphosphoric acid plant.

PUBLIC HEARING OPPORTUNITY: Pursuant to Section 58.01.01.209 and 364, opportunity for a public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments may be provided if written requests are submitted to the undersigned on or before April 10, 2006. Hearing requests should include a brief statement explaining why a public hearing on the air quality aspects of the project would be beneficial.

The selected meeting site will be accessible to the physically disabled. Interpreters can be provided upon five days notice for persons with hearing impairments. For arrangements, contact the undersigned at (208) 373-0234. Braille or taped transcripts can be provided after the meeting for persons with visual impairments.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIALS: A package containing the information submitted by the applicant, DEQ's analysis, the proposed permit to construct, and the draft Tier I operating permit will be available for public review at the following locations:

DEQ State Office
1410 N. Hilton
Boise, Idaho

DEQ Regional Office
444 Hospital Way
Pocatello, Idaho

Soda Springs Public Library
149 s. Main
Soda Springs, Idaho

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS, ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL

QUESTIONS: Anyone may submit written comment regarding the project and proposed action. To be most effective, comments should address air quality considerations and include support materials where available. Comments, requests, and questions regarding the public comment process should be directed to Joan Lechtenberg, Department of Environmental Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID 83706-1255, Joan.Lechtenberg@deq.idaho.gov, or (208) 373-0234. Please reference the company name and docket number when sending comments or requesting information.

For technical assistance on questions concerning this project or the permitting process, please contact Dan Pitman at (208) 373-0502 or Daniel.Pitman@deq.idaho.gov.

All written comments and data concerning this proposal must be directed to and received by the undersigned on or before 5:00 p.m. MST, April 21, 2006.

DATED this 23rd day of March 2006.

Joan Lechtenberg
Air Quality Division